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SUBJECT: PAN AM'S ZAIRIAN OPERATIONS

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1. PAN AM OFFICIAL JOE GATT TELEPHONED MAMBASSADOR FROM NEW YORK EVENING APRIL 13 TO ASK ASSISTANCE IN INFORMING CENTRAL BANK BOFOSSA (WHOM GATT SAID HE HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO TELEPHONE DIRECTLY) THAT PAN AM WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FLIGHT SERVICES TO ZAIRE IF GOZ AGREED TO ALLOCATE MINIMUM OF 230,000 DOLLARS PER MONTH (INSTEAD OF 115,000 DOLLARS PROMISED BY CENTRAL BANK -REFTEL). OTHERWISE, ACCORDING TO GATT, PAN AM SERVICES WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICAL AND WOULD HAVE TO BE TERMINATED. GATT STRESSED URGENCY OF MATTER, INDICATING THAT ONLY WITH SOME DIFFICULTY HAD HE BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE PAN AM TO GO ALONG WITH NEW OFFER.

2. AMBASSADOR TOLD GATT HE WOULD TRY TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO BOFOSSA IN VIEW OF ALLEGED URGENCY AND GATT'S INABILITY TO GET THOROUGH TO BOFOSSA DIRECTLY. AMBASSADOR STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT GET INTO BUSINESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH GOZ ON BEHALF OF PAN AM AND THAT LATTER SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP WITH GOZ ON ITS OWN, WITH EMBASSY PLAYING SUPPORTING ROLE AS REQUIRED AND APPROPRIATE.

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3. WHILE AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO CONTACT BOFOSSA AS PROMISED, SUGGEST IN MEANTIME DEPT DISCREETLY CONTACT PAN AM NEW YORK TO CONFIRM PAN AM'S POSITION AS OUTLINED BY GATT AND TO REITERATE POINT CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE. WE SENSE FROM HERE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WITHIN PAN AM AND FIND IT CURIOUS THAT DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCES MERKLE WAS NOT ABLE TO REVEAL

TO US OR THE GOZ DURING HER VISIT HERE THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE
LEVEL OF PAN AM'S FX REQUIREMENTS. AS STATED REFTEL, WE BELIEVE
IT IS IN OVERALL US INTEREST THAT PAN AM CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS
IN ZAIRE, AND EMBASSY THEREFORE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE
ROLE TO THE EXTENT THIS IS APPROPRIATE AND DESIRED BY PAN AM.
WE REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER OF SUCH APPARENT IMPORTANCE AND
URGENCY SHOULD BE HANDLED FIRST AND FORMOST BY PAN AM ITSELF.
THEREFORE SUGGEST DEPT REPEAT TO PAN AM THE ADVICE GIVEN BY
AMBASSADOR TO GATT: I.E. THAT PAN AM REPS MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO
DISCUSS THEIR NEW CONDITIONS DIRECTLY WITH GOZ. ALSO, AS STATED
REFTEL, WE CONSIDER IT VITAL THAT PAN AM GIVE GOZ CHANCE TO REACT
BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION TO TERMINATE SERVICE TO ZAIRE.
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